

How Loud Is Too Loud on the Farm?

140-165

Shotgun firing, firecracker



110

Grain dryer, chain saw



Regular exposure of more than 1 minute at or above 110 decibels risks permanent hearing loss.

105

Personal stereo at maximum level



100

Tractor without a cab, woodshop, pig squeals



No more than 15 minutes of unprotected exposure at or above 100 decibels is recommended.

95

Grain auger



85

Tractor with closed cab, crowded school cafeteria

Prolonged exposure to any noise at or above 85 decibels can cause gradual hearing loss.

70

Chicken housing



60

Normal conversation

50

Quiet barn



30

Whisper

0

Smallest sound a person with normal hearing can detect

↑
decibels

Why Protect Your Hearing?

Noise-induced hearing loss:

- Can build over time.
- Is permanent.
- Is preventable.

How to Protect Your Hearing:

- Wear hearing protectors, such as earplugs or earmuffs.
- Move away from the noise.
- Lower the volume.



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